



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0135

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Item # 6  
June 23, 2011

To: Commissioners  
From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director  
Date: June 21, 2011  
Re: Request by Michael Lawson Concerning Expenses

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In the audit of Michael Lawson's campaign, the auditor determined that some of the campaign's expenditures should be viewed as unallowable and that the Commission should direct the candidate to repay \$583.04 in campaign funds to the Commission. In reaction to the draft audit report, Mr. Lawson has inquired whether the Commission would allow the four amounts in the table below. Today, the Commission received the attached travel log in support of the candidate's inquiry. The staff recommends accepting the first two amounts.

Date	Expense	Amount	Recommendation
February 10, 2011	Bank charge to obtain documents for audit	\$20.00	Staff recommends <b>allowing</b> expense
April or May 2011	Travel to Augusta to meet with Commission staff for audit (104 miles)	\$45.76	Staff recommends <b>allowing</b> expense
Sept. or Oct. 2010	Travel to Naples to distribute literature at Republican party event (60 miles)	\$26.40	Staff recommends <b>not</b> allowing expense, because candidate has created and submitted mileage log long after the travel
Aug. or Sept. 2010	Travel to Augusta for Republican candidate meeting (104 miles)	\$45.76	Staff recommends <b>not</b> allowing expense, because candidate has created and submitted mileage log long after the travel

If you accept the staff recommendation, Mr. Lawson's repayment obligation would be \$517.28. As a general policy, the staff would prefer not to accept mileage logs this late in the audit process, although you may feel that there are some exceptional reasons to accept all of the campaign travel in this instance due to the large repayment owed. Thank you.

JUN 21 2011

Candidate's Name: Michael Lawson

Maine Ethics Commission

## SAMPLE TRAVEL LOG for MCEA Candidates and their Campaign Staff

Name of Person Traveling:  
(Requesting reimbursement)Michael Lawson

Address:

422 Brook St Westbrook

Questions? Call 207-287-4179

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Ethics and Election PracticesMailing: 135 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333Location: 45 Memorial Circle  
Augusta, Maine

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Date of Travel (Required)	Odometer Reading at Start (Suggested)	Odometer Reading at End (Suggested)	Number of Miles Traveled (Required)	Purpose and Destinations of Travel (Required)
4/05-2011			104	Ethics Meeting
9/02-2010			60	Songo River Queen Passout Flyers for Comb. Rail
8/29/2010			104	FLKS Lodge Augusta. Rec. Meeting to meet other cand. & to rec. info for adverst put on a website,
Please Note I HAD TO SET Sighns 2 times, also go Door to Door, I did 3 cycles also passed out the GOVERNORS HAND OUTS,				

## HOW TO REPORT TRAVEL

Report reimbursements on Schedule B of a campaign  
finance report. The person receiving the reimbursement  
is the "Payee."If the campaign pays for fuel, report the expenditure on  
Schedule B of the campaign finance report listing the  
gas station as the "Payee," and use this log for docu-  
mentation, not reimbursement.Receipts for expenditures over \$50 and travel logs must  
be kept until December 2013 (3 years after the 42-Day  
Post-General Report).

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Number of miles this page

Number of miles from attached pages

Total miles traveled

\$117.92

Multiply by \$0.44 (per mile rate for 2010 elections)

This is the maximum reimbursement amount  
based on mileage. The payments for fuel can  
not exceed this amount.

Actual Amount of Reimbursement: \$